

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant has received and carefully reviewed the Advisory Action mailed July 10, 2007, and the Office Action of the Examiner mailed April 6, 2007. By this amendment, rejected claims 21-28 and 31-34 have been canceled without prejudice, leaving only allowed claims 1-20, 29, and 30 pending. Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment. Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested.

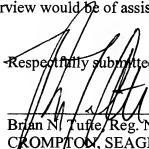
Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-20, 29, and 30 are allowed. All other claims have been canceled without prejudice.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 21-28 and 31-34 are rejected as being anticipated by Hill et al. (EP 1 196 003 A2). Applicant respectfully disagrees that claims 21-28 and 31-34 are anticipated or rendered obvious in view of Hill et al. However, in the interest of furthering prosecution, rejected claims 21-28 and 31-34 have been canceled without prejudice, leaving only allowed claims 1-20, 29, and 30 pending in the application.

Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested. It is submitted that, in light of the above amendments and remarks, all pending claims 1-20, 29, and 30 are now in condition for allowance. If a telephone interview would be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at 612-359-9348.


~~Respectfully submitted,~~

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